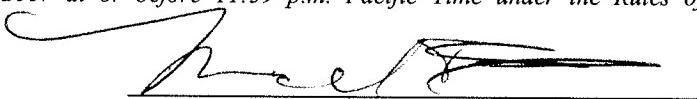


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**FROM THE OFFICE ACTION**

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Applicant : Lutz Biedermann, et al. Confirmation No. 4918  
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Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated February 8, 2007 for three month(s) from May 8, 2007 to August 8, 2007.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 60	\$ 120	\$ .00
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 225	\$ 450	\$ .00
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 510	\$ 1020	\$1,020.00
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 795	\$1590	\$ .00
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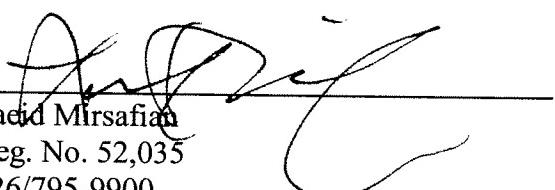
The total amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the cost of the extension if is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-1728.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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